

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 41552  
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Thomas, Richard A. : Confirmation Number: 1988  
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Application No.: 10/611,658 : Tech Center Art Unit: 1631  
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Filed: June 30, 2003 : Examiner: Skibinsky, Anna  
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For: NUCLEAR PACKING EFFICIENCY

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated March 13, 2008, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 31-34, 37, 38, 44-46, 49, 50, 54-58, and 61.

Appeal Fee: \$255.00

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